

T H E
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Of the Late
Indian and African Company
O F
S C O T L A N D,

With other Part-Owners of the Ships *Speedwell*
and *Annandale* Trading to *India*.

THAT the said Company, and other Part-Owners, fitted out from *Leith* the Ship *Speedwell*, with a Considerable Cargo for *India*, which Ship unfortunately perished in the Straits of *Malacca*, but the Men and Cargo were saved.

The said Company being advised thereof, did agree with your Petitioners to fit out the Ship *Annandale* upon the same Voyage, in Order to bring Home their Servants and Effects from abroad.

Accordingly the said Ship was provided with all Necessaries, and lying in the *Downs*, ready to sail, the Ships Crew was surpris'd by a Seizure of Ship and Cargo, under Pretence of interfering with the *English Company* in their Trade.

The Vallidity of this Matter was long debated in *Westminster-Hall*, and tho' at last it was determin'd against the *English Company*, yet the Voyage was disappointed, and the Loss very considerable, not only upon Account of Damages sustained in the Ship *Annandale* and Cargo, but by great Loss in the *Speedwell's* Effects abroad;

That by the Union all Opportunities are now lost for retrieving your Petitioners Damages by the *Scots East-India Trade*: Therefore it is humbly hoped, upon hearing their Case, this Honourable House will direct them some Relief ~~and that the House will direct them some Relief~~, as your Honours shall think fit, according to the Equity and Merit of your Petitioners Pretentions.

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May, 1945
L.C. Harper

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That by the Union all Opportunities are now held for training young Americans in the various branches of the International Trade; Therefore it is highly probable upon hearing their Call, the Honorable House will direct some more liberal measures than have hitherto been taken, and we think it very probable that such the necessity to the Nation, and the benefit to you.